

Smile : While preaching in a small country Church one day, a Minister received one of the greatest compliments of his ministry. One old man gripped him by the arm and said, 'Didn't get my usual sleep in the sermon today.'

A lady greeting her minister after Church one day said, 'Your sermon today on telling the truth was.... was..... was awful' !

Weekly Services

Wednesday 10.00am St. James, Pyle – Eucharist
11.00am St. Mary Magdalene, Mawdlam - Eucharist

Sunday 8.00am St. James, Pyle – Eucharist (1984 version)
9.30am St. Mary Magdalene, Mawdlam – Eucharist
11.00am St. James, Pyle – Eucharist
6.00pm St. James, Pyle – Parish Evensong
(Except on the second Sunday in the month when there is an evening Eucharist)
On the first Sunday of the month there is evensong in St. Mary Magdalene, Mawdlam, beginning at 5.00pm
There is also an informal service held in the Church Hall at 10am on the fourth Sunday of the month and at 7pm
on the Second Monday of the month.
Also a service of Eucharist and Healing is held at the Sandville, on the Second Sunday of the month beginning at 7.30pm – All are welcome

Other services and any changes as advised

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Please take this home with you

If you are new to the Church or just visiting please introduce yourself. We are always pleased to welcome newcomers or visitors. Also, if you worship or have previously worshipped with a different denomination and have received communion there, you are very welcome to receive communion in either of our Churches.

A prayer for our Parish

Draw your Church together O God into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love.

Happy Birthday :

Jennifer Cleland (Today), Violet Walker (Tomorrow), Mary Lougher (Friday), Mavis Johns (3rd Nov), Robert Jones (5th Nov), Katherine Walters (6th Nov), Adrian Jones (8th Nov)

From the Readings :

..."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
..."You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
From Matthew 22

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<http://sermonsforyou.blogspot.com>

The next week :-

Today : In addition to the usual services we have the baptisms of Benji Wiltshire in Mawdlam at 1pm and Nia Card and Cerys Jones in Pyle at 2.00pm
Wednesday 29th : 10.00am Eucharist in St James', Pyle

11.00am Eucharist in St Mary Magdalene Church, Mawdlam
7.30pm Alpha Course in The Apostolic Church, Greenfield Avenue
Sunday 2nd November : Services as usual including 5pm evensong in Mawdlam as it's the first Sunday of the month
Tuesday 4th : 10.00am Home Communions
Wednesday 5th : 10.00am Eucharist in St James', Pyle
11.00am Eucharist in St Mary Magdalene Church, Mawdlam
7.30pm Alpha Course in The Apostolic Church, Greenfield Avenue
Thursday 6th : 10.30am Wedding in Mawdlam
Friday 7th : 3.30pm Sunbeams Club in Corneli Primary School
Saturday 8th : 11.30am Wedding of Kelly Christopher and Nathan Thomas in Mawdlam
Sunday 9th : Remembrance Sunday – Services at the usual times. The 9.30am and 11am services will be special services for Remembrance Sunday and will not be Communion services. There is Communion at 6pm in the evening in Pyle

Afon y Felin School : Would appreciate help from anyone who may be interested in helping with reading for the younger children at the school. If you are able to offer even a short time then please speak to Revd Ian Rees.

Cheltenham Christmas Shopping Trip : There is a coach trip to the beautiful Town of Cheltenham arranged for 4th December. The cost is now set at £ 9 per person. There are a very small number of places now left. If you are interested in going on the trip please put your name on the list as soon as possible.

Parish Retreat : There are a couple of places left on the retreat. If you are interested please let Revd Ian Rees know urgently as numbers have to be confirmed. The dates of the retreat are 27th to 29th November at Ffald y Brenin in West Wales.

Biblelands Christmas Catalogue : These are now available in both Churches. If you borrow one please bring it back the following week. There is a list for you to make orders in each Church. Biblelands is an excellent charity with the proceeds from your purchases going directly to projects within the Bible lands region.

Confirmation Classes : Please could you let Revd Ian Rees know if you would be interested in being confirmed, or know of anyone who may be interested. We are hoping to have a Confirmation early next year in February, but this will be dependant on numbers.

Samaritans Purse : Once again we are supporting the Samaritans Purse appeal to provide presents for children. There are leaflets in both Churches with more details. Completed shoe boxes may now be returned to Church on any Sunday.

Memorial Services : There is a chance to remember loved ones, whether recently or long since departed, in our memorial services on 11th Nov. at 7pm in Mawdlam and 19th Nov. at 7pm in Pyle. Everyone is welcome at the services to offer their prayers and support, especially for those recently bereaved. Please also pass on invitations to anyone who may be interested in coming along to remember loved ones.

Christmas Fayre : This will be held on Friday November 21st. Please start spreading the word !!

Christmas Cards : Many people give cards in Church, and many people feel they give (and receive !) too many. This year we will be putting up some sort of display board if you would like to write a general card to your friends in Church. Obviously you can send as many individual cards as you like, but this will hopefully stop the problem of us having lots of cards left at the back of Church for people to collect, which often remain uncollected. If you place a card on the board we would ask for a donation, and any proceeds from this will be given to The Wallich Charity, which is a homeless charity doing wonderful work in caring for those out on the streets. They have recently moved to new premises in Bridgend, and that office works in conjunction with their main office in Cardiff, to serve needs more local to us.

Advent Lunches : We will be holding Charity Soup lunches through Advent in the Church hall on 26th November, and then the 3rd, 10th and 17th December.

Shrinking the Footprints : The Church in Wales are holding a seminar from 10am to 4pm on 28 November at The Futures Inn, Cardiff Bay. It is open to all who are interested in thinking about climate change and sustaining the environment. Places (including lunch) are available at £10. If you would like to go please send a cheque along with a letter to Lisa Martin, The Church in Wales, 39 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9XF

Parish Magazine : This will be out in early December – any articles to go in should be given to Revd Ian Rees by the end of November